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THE DIZHI LAWS:

- 1) A DIZHI IS A HUMAN HOST CONTAINING ONE OF THE TWENTY-FOUR ANCIENT ANIMAL SPIRITS, CALLED TOTEMS. THERE ARE TWO GROUPS OF TOTEMS: THE TWELVE ZODIAC TOTEMS AND THE TWELVE FORGOTTEN TOTEMS. THESE TOTEMS ARE AGELESS AND, LIKE ENERGY, CAN NEITHER BE CREATED NOR DESTROYED.
- 2) EACH TOTEM HAS UNIQUE POWERS AND ABILITIES WHICH THEIR HUMAN HOST CAN ACCESS BY TRANSFORMING OR PARTIALLY-TRANSFORMING INTO A HYBRID WERE-STATE RESEMBLING THAT TOTEM'S ANIMAL.
- 3) EACH TOTEM CAN BOND WITH TWO SEPARATE HOSTS, REFERRED TO AS BINOMIALS OR HOST PARTNERS. THE TOTEM CAN ONLY POSSESS ONE OF THESE TWO HOSTS AT A TIME, HOWEVER, AND WILL MOST OFTEN CHOOSE THE ONE WITH THE GREATEST IMMEDIATE NEED.
- 4) A TOTEM CAN BE FORCEFULLY SEPARATED FROM ONE OF ITS HOSTS BY ANOTHER DIZHI, USUALLY AT THE COST OF THE HOST'S LIFE. IN MOST CASES, THE FREED TOTEM WILL BE RE-ABSORBED OR "STOLEN" BY THE DIZHI WHO DEFEATED IT. IN SOME CASES, A TOTEM CAN BE IMPRISONED WITHIN AN OBJECT OR VESSEL WITHOUT A HOST.
- 5) A DIZHI CAN POSSESS MORE THAN ONE TOTEM AT ONCE. THIS CAN ALLOW FOR A UNIQUE COMBINATION OF POWERS AND VISUAL TRANSFORMATION COMBINATIONS. CONTAINING MORE THAN ONE TOTEM TENDS TO DRIVE THE HOST INTO AN ADDICTION-LIKE HUNGER TO ABSORB MORE TOTEMS.
- 6) TO DATE, THE MOST TOTEMS SAFELY CONTAINED BY A SINGLE DIZHI IS FIVE. EXCEEDING THAT THRESHOLD CAN TRIGGER A DISASTROUS SINGULARITY EVENT.

THE STORY SO FAR:

ANGEL TOMASSINI WAS AN AVERAGE HIGH SCHOOLER WHEN HE FIRST DISCOVERED THE HIDDEN WORLD OF THE DIZHIS. AS THE SON OF A WEALTHY BUSINESSMAN (AND NOTORIOUS MAFIA CRIME LORD), HIS EYES WERE OPENED TO THIS EXCITING AND DANGEROUS REALM BY HIS FRIEND AND BODYGUARD, DAN, WHO CARRIED THE TIGER TOTEM IN SECRET UNTIL ANGEL WAS READY TO ACCEPT HIS FATE AS A DIZHI.

HE SOON BECAME WRAPPED UP IN AN AGELESS CONFLICT BETWEEN POWERFUL DIZHIS WITH INDIVIDUAL -- AND OFTEN NEFARIOUS -- AGENDAS, A "WERE-WAR" WITH THE SUBJUGATION OF HUMANITY AS ITS ULTIMATE GOAL.

AFTER EXTRICATING HIMSELF FROM HIS FATHER'S CRIMINAL LEGACY, ANGEL TRAVELED THE GLOBE IN AN ATTEMPT TO FIND ANSWERS WHILE AVOIDING DETECTION BY OTHER HOSTILE DIZHIS AND A ZEALOUS FEDERAL AGENT NAMED OSWALD JONES. RUNNING PROVED FUTILE, HOWEVER, AS THE ZODIAC DIZHIS HAD MANY WAYS OF TRACKING DOWN OTHER TOTEM CARRIERS. IN THE COURSE OF HIS ADVENTURES, ANGEL ABSORBED ADDITIONAL TOTEMS WHICH INTRODUCED NEW AND UNIQUE COMBINATIONS OF POWERS AND FORMS. HE MANAGED TO SURVIVE THIS DANGEROUS ADDICTION BY FINDING A GROUP OF TRUSTWORTHY ALLIES WITH WHOM HE VOLUNTARILY SHARED THESE TOTEMS, MENTORING THEM IN THE RULES OF BEING A DIZHI.

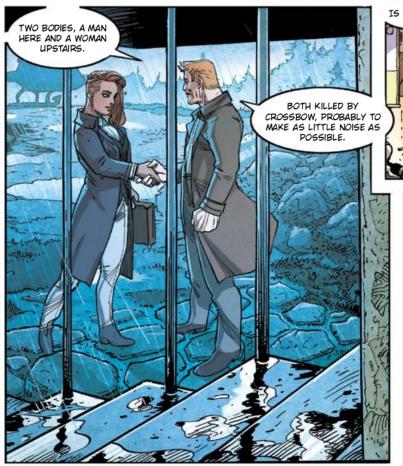
THIS TEAM OF FLEDGLING HEROES FACED THEIR FIRST SIGNIFICANT THREAT WHEN A NEW GROUP OF UNKNOWN DIZHIS -- THE FORGOTTEN TWELVE, LET BY SAMIR THAT CAT -- EMERGED FROM HIDING WITH THEIR FOCUS ON CONTROLLING ALL OF THE TOTEMS THEMSELVES. GUIDED BY A PSYCHIC NAMED SHAAZ, ANGEL'S YOUNG DIZHI APPRENTICES FIND THEMSELVES BOTH HUNTER AND HUNTED, CONSTANTLY ON THEIR TOES WITH THE FATE OF THE WORLD AT STAKE.

AT THE PEAK OF THIS CONFLICT BETWEEN WARRING DIZHI FACTIONS, ONE LONE DIZHI BECAME HELLBENT ON CONTAINING THEM ALL HIMSELF, AND IN HIS MANIA, TRIGGERED A CATACLYSMIC SINGULARITY THAT NOT ONLY DESTROYED DETROIT, BUT SEEMINGLY WIPED OUT ALL TOTEM SPIRITS FROM THE EARTH AS WELL. NOW, POWERLESS BUT NO LESS AMBITIOUS, THE FORMER DIZHIS MUST SORT OUT THEIR PRIOR AGENDAS IN A WORLD DEVOID OF TOTEMS...

PART TEN: THE RAIN





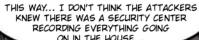








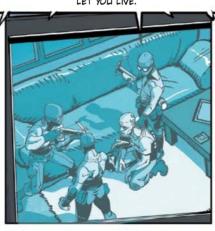








COME ON, THERE'S NO NEED TO SUFFER. TELL US WHERE WE CAN FIND YOUR BOSS AND WE'LL LET YOU LIVE.









WE'VE JUST COME BACK FROM PATROLLING THE HOUSE GROUNDS ...





HELLO ... WHAT'S YOUR NAME?





DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED HERE? WHERE ARE THE OTHER CHILDREN?

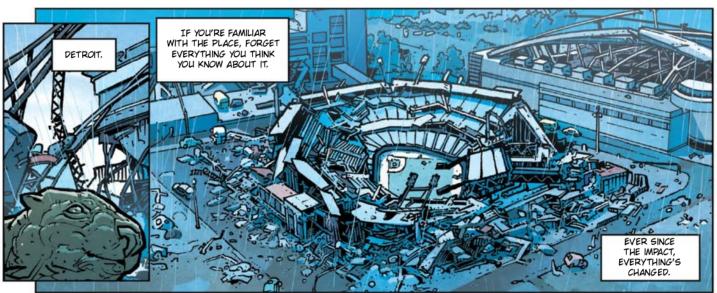
PAULA AND JAMAL RAN AWAY. SO WE ALL WENT TO LOOK FOR THEM... BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN WE LOST OUR POWERS... SOME OF US EVEN FELL ASLEEP...



PEOPLE ATTACKED US... AND WE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT OUR POWERS...









THE IMPACT WAS HARD ON EVERYONE. ANGE DIDN'T SUFFER ANY PHYSICAL CONSEQUENCES...













IT'S NOT EXACTLY EASY FOR HIM TO REALIZE WHAT A BIG IDIOT HE HAD BEEN. EVEN IF IT WASN'T HIS FALILT.

















NOW REST UP.

































I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU FEEL USELESS... THAT'S SOMETHING WE LEARN TO OVERCOME WHEN WE WORK IN A FIELD LIKE THIS.





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IN ME.

I MISS THE TIGER. FEELING DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PEOPLE. BELIEVING THAT I'M SPECIAL...















WITH THIS... DISASTER, I FELT LOST. LIKE EVERYTHING I'VE EXPERIENCED SINCE LEAVING HAS BEEN A BIG MISTAKE.























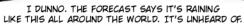




I SPOKE WITH YOUR SISTER...



































I JUST LOST AN ARM.

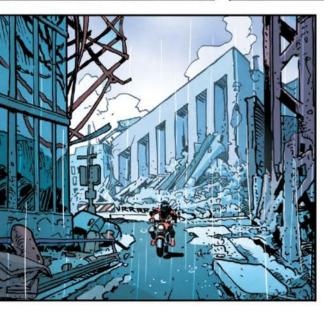
COULDN'T ASSUME IT WOULD JUST KEEP GROWING BACK FOREVER, COULD I?















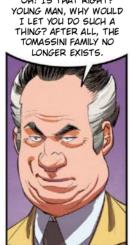












OH! IS THAT RIGHT?



































GREAT! WHAT DO I DO NOW? I DON'T KNOW THEM. THEY'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TELL THAT I'M NOT JUNE, EVEN IF I DO LOOK LIKE HER...

THIS SUCKS! WHAT DO I TELL THEM IF THEY FIND OUT I'M NOT THEIR DAUGHTER?





























WHETHER IT'S GOOD NEWS TO SEE HIM
HERE OR NOT, THAT'S ANOTHER MATTER
ENTIRELY...









I DON'T THINK I TOOK TOO LONG FOR SOMEONE LEAVING THEIR FAMILY WITH FOUR DEAD BODIES IN THE KITCHEN.



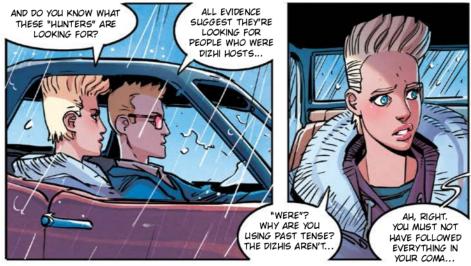






ACTUALLY, I WAS GOING TO DETROIT TO FIND ANGE WHEN I READ AN ARTICLE ONLINE ABOUT YOUR "ACCIDENT". SO I DECIDED TO TAKE A LITTLE DETOUR.

















...WHICH LEAVES ME PLENTY OF TIME TO GET ORGANIZED. AND THEN I'LL GIVE HIM A TASTE OF HUMILIATION...





YOU'RE UNDER ARREST. PLEASE DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE.







AND YOU GO AND GET YOURSELF CAUGHT LIKE SOME COMMON



WITH A BAG FULL OF DIRTY BILLS... ALL THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN WANTED ACROSS THE COUNTRY SINCE YOUR KIDNAPPING AT FATHER'S FUNERAL...





WHO GIVES A SHIT!

THERE ARE OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD BE MORE WORRIED



I'M ASKING BECAUSE YOU'RE WELCOME TO GRAB A BILL FROM THE BAG TO REIMBURSE YOURSELF.





YOU'RE MY FRIEND. WELL,



IF YOU WANT TO CHARGE ME WITH SOMETHING, TELL ME SO I CAN CALL A LAWYER. OTHERWISE GIVE ME MY BAG BACK AND LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.

YOU'VE CHANGED, ANGE. AND I DON'T LIKE WHO YOU'VE BECOME.



I LIKE WHO I'VE BECOME EITHER...



...BUT I'M DOING MY BEST... AND I NEVER BETRAYED YOU.

HOLD ON... ARE YOU SAYING THAT I BETRAYED YOU?



WE ALL DO WHAT WE CAN
WITH THE HAND WE'RE DEALT. NEITHER
OF US DEALT THEM OUT TO BEGIN WITH.







OKAY. SHOULD WE TALK
ABOUT THE VIDEO OF KLAW FIGHTING
IN THE STREETS INSTEAD?



THOSE ARE BASELESS ALLEGATIONS.





OKAY, THEN WHAT IF WE TALK ABOUT LISA? DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS NOW? OR ARE YOU SO EGOTISTICAL THAT YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SHE'S DISAPPEARED?







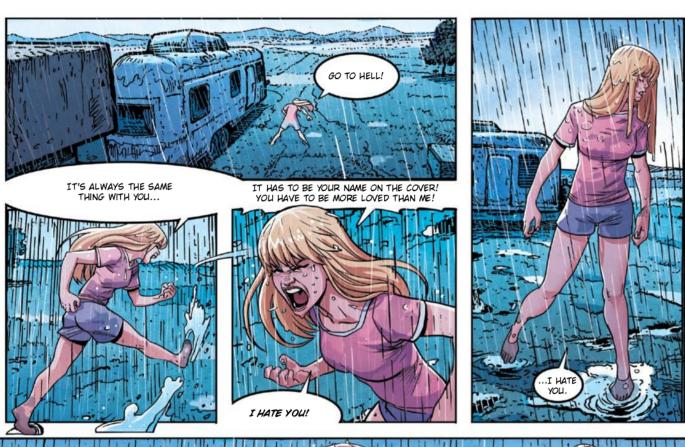




AND THE MINEFIELD THAT WAS THE PARKING LOT IS NOW COVERED IN WATER.









































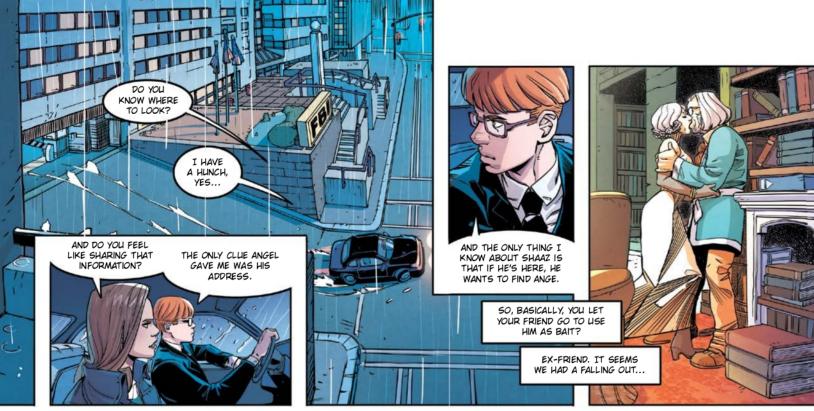






































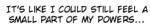










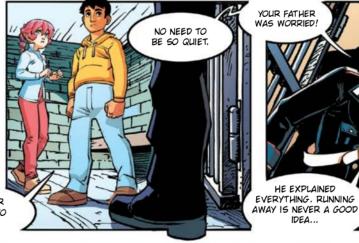




...I THINK SOMETHING HAPPENED TO LISA...











HE EXPLAINED

IDEA...







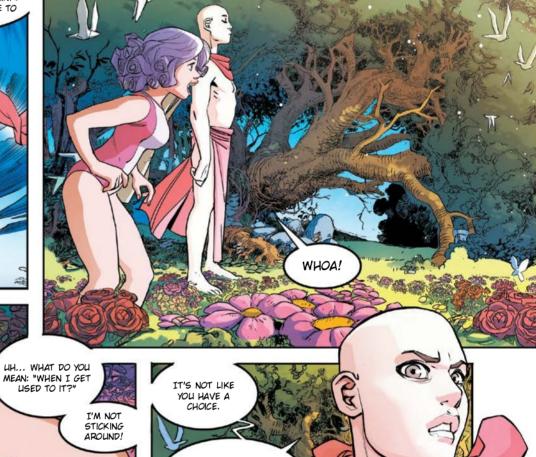












I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE.
IN RETURN, I WANT YOU
TO TAKE CARE OF THE
CHILDREN...



THE TOTEMS HAVE NO INDEPENDENT CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT THEIR PURE ENERGIES STILL COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER...



... WELL, WITH ME. AND THE IDEA OF MAKING THESE KIDS PAY FOR NEIL'S NONSENSE SEEMED FAR TOO CRUEL TO US.





















JAMAL AND I HAVE THE SAME THING. THE CONNECTION WE SHARE ISN'T JUST GOOD FOR COMMUNICATING. WE ALSO SHARE A NUMBER OF MEMORIES.



SO BASICALLY, I KNEW WHAT JAMAL'S CHOICES WOULD BE, AND SO I UNDERSTOOD WHERE HE'D END UP.



YOU STILL REMEMBERED ALL THAT?

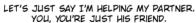
HEH! WELL, I WAS BORN WITH MY TOTEM ... SO I KNEW HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM BEFORE I EVEN LEARNED TO WALK! THAT HELPED ME KEEP MY CONNECTION.



I STILL HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION: IN THE MEMORIES I SHARED WITH ANGE, YOU WERE A REAL BASTARD...



















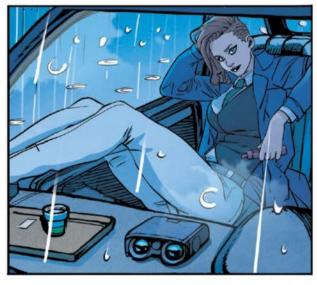








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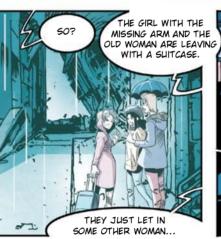
















































PART ELEVEN: COMA





EXCEPT THAT I NEVER ASKED TO BE IN THE FBI. THE WORK IS PRETTY COOL, BUT MY CHILDHOOD DREAM WAS TO MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH ON STAGE!





TRACKING PEOPLE, LOCKING THEM UP, TORTURING THEM... THAT WAS NEVER REALLY PART OF THE PLAN.



WELL, UNLESS THEY DIDN'T LAUGH AT MY JOKES, BUT THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT...



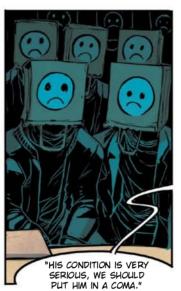


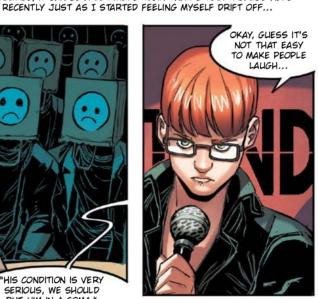
I'M HERE. I MEAN, AN FBI AGENT ON STAGE IS A LITTLE CRAZY.

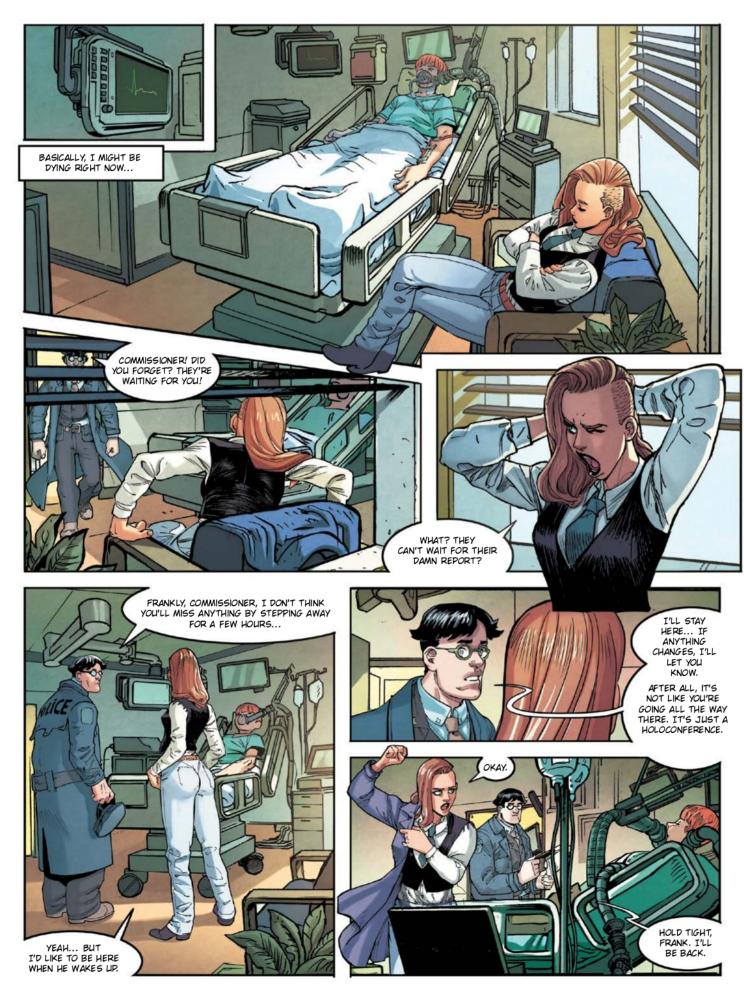


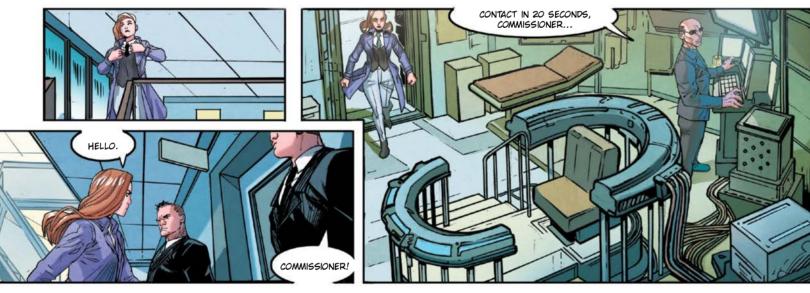


















EXPLOSION OCCURRED.







































I DON'T KNOW... SHE WAS CALM ONE MINUTE, THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S LIKE A DEMON POSSESSED HER! SHE STARTED CONTORTING IN EVERY DIRECTION...!













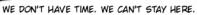






THANK YOU. WHERE ARE WE? WHAT HAPPENED?

































I KNOW IT'S HARD... TO LOSE YOUR SISTER... ESPECIALLY FOR TWINS...



I ADMIT THIS ISN'T EASY FOR ME EITHER. I DON'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING. BUT IF YOU'RE WILLING TO TALK TO ME ...



OF YOURS... I KNEW YOU WERE SPECIAL... BUT NOW... YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS...



TRY NOT TO BREAK IT THIS TIME. I DON'T HAVE MANY LEFT.











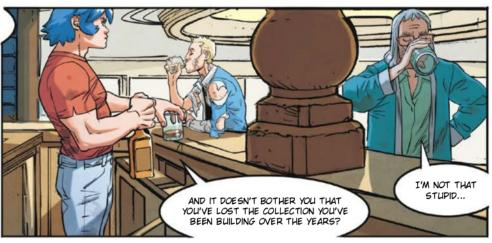






IN FACT, THE EXPLOSION WAS INTENDED TO DESTROY THE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY. I DON'T WANT THAT KNOWLEDGE TO FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.













THE DOOR WON'T











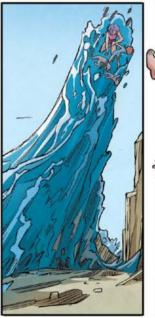


































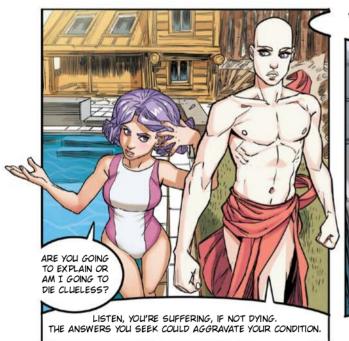


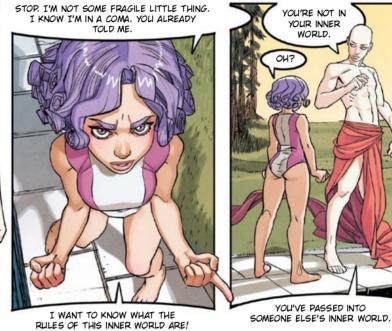




FOUND THAT OLD NEWS...













SO I'M NOT IN MY BODY ANYMORE? THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SACRED OF... IF MY BODY REALIZES I'M NOT INHABITING IT ANYMORE IT COULD JUST GIVE UP... IS THAT IT?











NO, I'M FROM YOUR WORLD, AFTER ALL...
I'M IN SEVERAL WORLDS AT THE SAME TIME BUT THE REPRESENTATION
OF ME THAT'S STANDING BEFORE YOU COMES FROM YOUR MIND.
SO I HAVE A CERTAIN INHERENT ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND YOU.

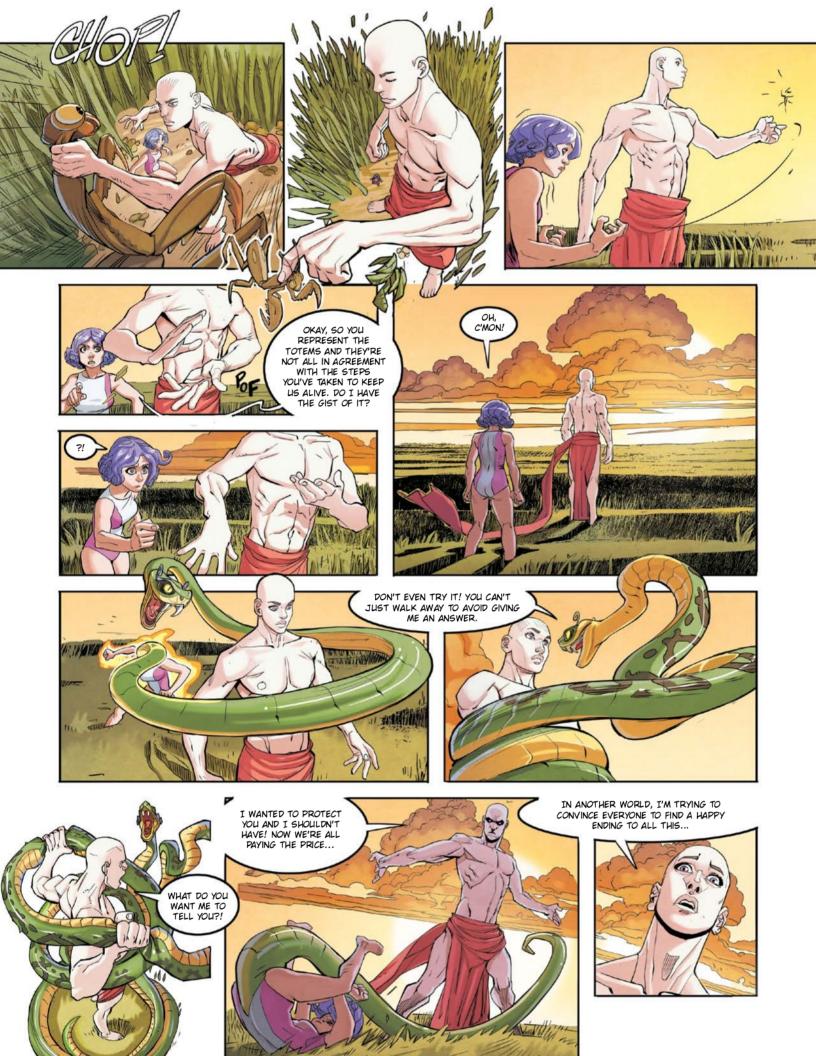
































SORRY, ANGE... BUT I MIGHT ALSO HAVE A LEAD ON THE MONKEYS. I GAVE MELANIE AN ADDRESS...

























THE NURSES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COUNTRY SCANNED LISA'S FINGERPRINTS ON ARRIVAL AT THE HOSPITAL. IN TWO SECONDS, THE NEWS WAS ON ALL THE AGENCY'S COMPUTERS.



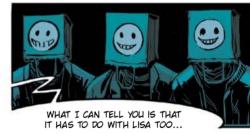
BUT IF I'M RIGHT, THAT INFORMATION WAS ALSO SHARED TO THE COMPUTER OF THE HACKER WHO WAS WATCHING US...

BOZULICH WAS SCARED OF ARRIVING AFTER THOSE SO-CALLED "NINJAS"... THE ONES THAT WERE AT SHAAZ'S. THE ONES WHO PUT ME IN THIS BED...





AS A RESULT, MY ROOM IS QUIET AGAIN... I MIGHT FEEL ALONE IF IT WASN'T FOR THE SECOND POINT I HAVE YET TO MENTION...

































WE DON'T. BUT IT SEEMS THAT THEY'RE SUPER DANGEROUS AND ARE AFTER ALL THE DIZHI HOSTS.







ACTUALLY, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS WHOLE STORY?!























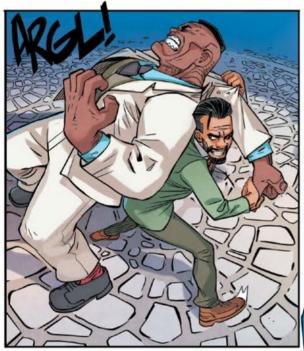


THEN TELL ME, RUNT: WHERE WERE YOU ALL THIS TIME? BECAUSE FOR A GUARDIAN, YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE ALL THAT PRESENT.

















THANK YOU FOR THE ARM. AND FOR STAYING. I KNOW YOU WERE ITCHING TO GO FIND EWA AND PAULA. WHAT YOU DID...



I HAVE TO TELL YOU: WHEN THOSE GUYS ATTACKED US EARLIER... FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, THE TIGER CAME BACK TO ME. NOT ENOUGH TO USE HIM, BUT I THINK HE'S STILL HERE.











YOU IDIOT, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE KEEPING AN EYE ON TOMASSIN! IF YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY ANOTHER NAME, I'M GONNA RIP YOUR NAILS OUT ONE AT A TIME!

I... OKAY, IT'S TOMASSINI. GIVEN THE GOODBYES HE WAS MAKING, HE'S LEAVING FOR A WHILE...



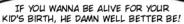




...ENOUGH TO CONSIDER HER HIS ACHILLES HEEL, IF YOU SEE WHAT I'M SAYING...









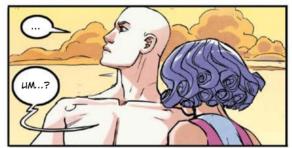






I LOVE TALKING WITH YOU. I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE I'M IN ONE OF THOSE OLD MOVIES WHERE THE WISE ALL-KNOWING SAGE SHARES HIS KNOWLEDGE WITH A YOUNG APPRENTICE ONE MORSEL AT A TIME...















































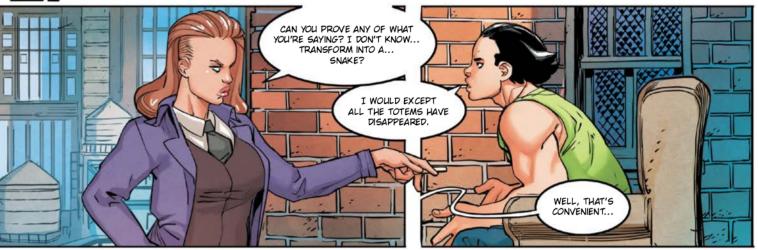
SAMIR IS THE MURDERER! END OF STORY!





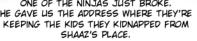


























































SHE'S VERY CONFUSED. I THINK IN
HER HEART, SHE NEVER WOULD HAVE
GONE TO DETROIT IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU...
WHICH MEANS THAT EVERYTHING THAT
HAPPENED IS YOUR FAULT.



THAT'S
JUST THE
PAIN TALKING.

DON'T WANT
TO BELIEVE
THAT.

















































BUT THAT'S NOT ANY CRAZIER THAN WHAT I'M EXPERIENCING RIGHT NOW.

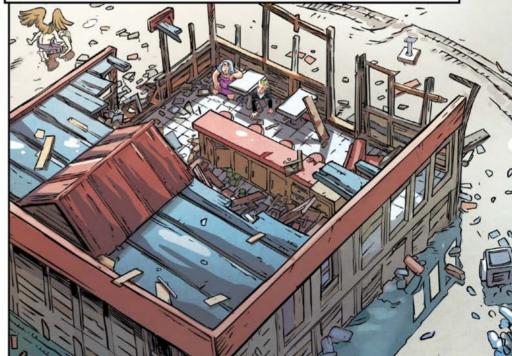




I'LL HAVE TO TALK TO THE ARCHIVIST, SINCE HE'S TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE LAWS THAT $GOVERN\ DIZHIS...$



AFTER ALL OF THIS, I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY LAWS. THEY'RE JUST COMPLETELY CRAZY... OR SADISTIC... OR VERY, VERY MISCHIEVOUS.





















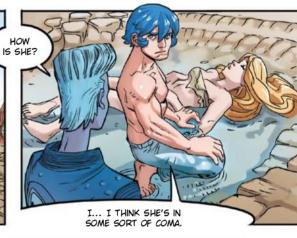


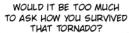














I... I TRANSFORMED INTO A ROOSTER... AND MANAGED TO FLY OUT OF THE TORNADO.



OBVIOUSLY IF I ASK, I'M GONNA GET AN



NO. I WAS ABLE TO TRANSFORM INTO THE GOAT AND THEN THE ROOSTER, BUT IT WAS EPHEMERAL. I DON'T HAVE ANY TOTEMS IN ME ANYMORE.

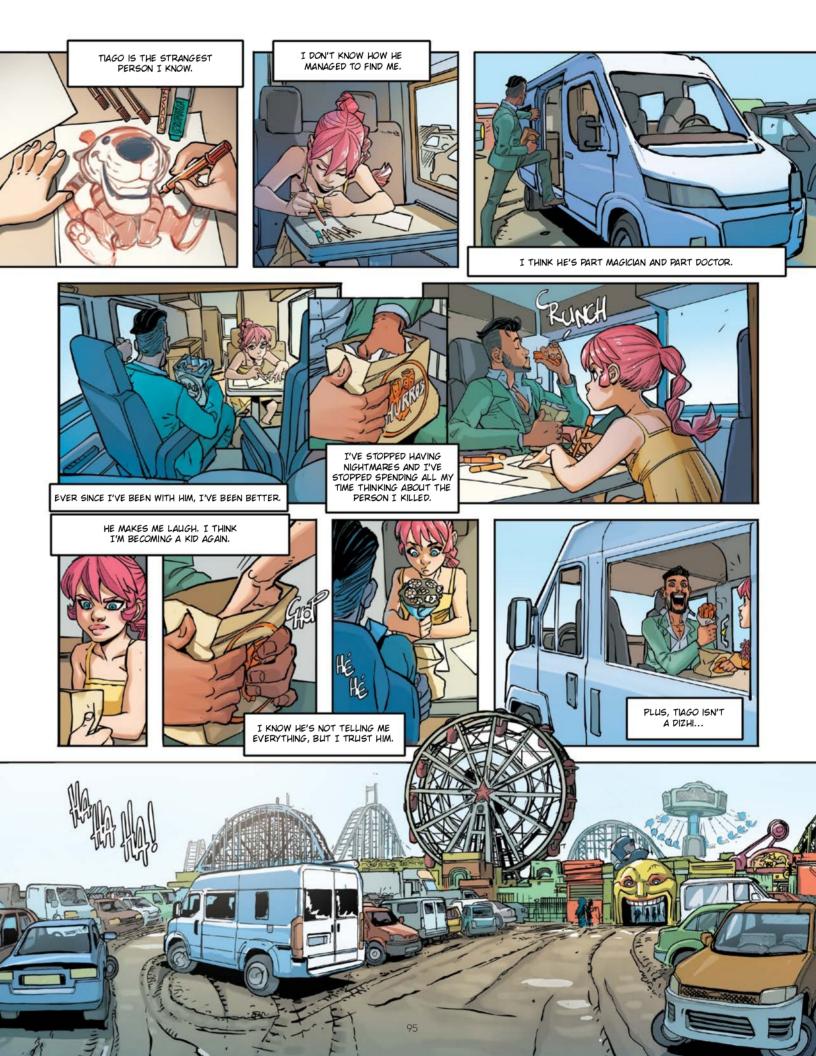


















IF YOU SEE ANGE AGAIN, COULD YOU TELL HIM I'M SORRY? MY FRIENDSHIP WAS SINCERE, BLIT I WASN'T ABLE TO RECONCILE IT WITH MY MISSION...

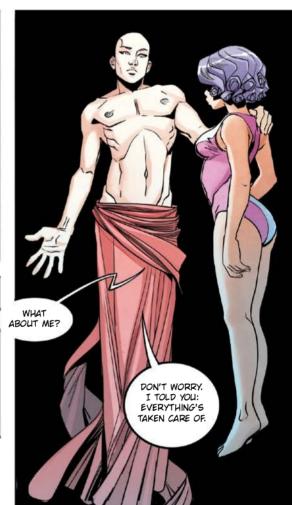






















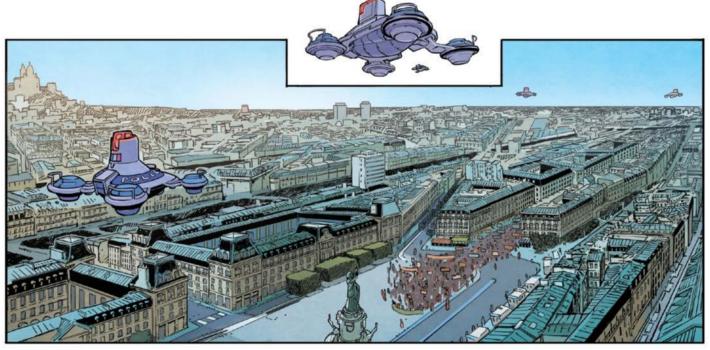






PART TWELVE: PHOENIX



























I ALWAYS TOOK EVERYTHING ON MYSELF... I MEAN, I TOOK THINGS IN WITHOUT ASKING MYSELF TOO MANY QUESTIONS. THAT WAS MY LIFE, THE END.



BUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO I LOST MY POWERS AND THEN, THE LOVE OF MY LIFE GOT LOST IN A PARANOID DELUSION... SHE LIVES LIKE A RECLUSE AND REFLISES

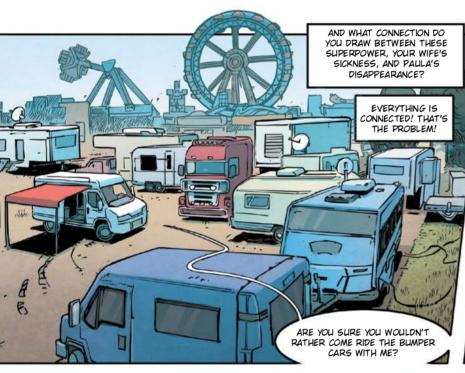




BUT STILL, HERE I AM IN PARIS. WAITING FOR HER... AND MY LIFE IS SO EMPTY... NO LOVE, NO FRIENDS, NO GOAL, AND NO...



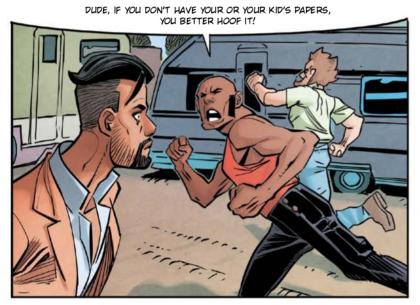


























































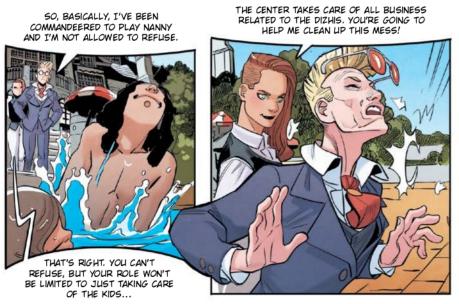














AND THAT THING... THE FORCEFIELD... IS THAT WHY THE KIDS CAN'T SEE US? YES. WE PUT A LOT OF LITTLE THINGS IN PLACE TO PROTECT THEM. LIKE I WAS SAYING, THEY'RE NOT READY TO GET BACK TO A NORMAL LIFE JUST YET.













HE'S SAID SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY CONNECTION TO THE DIZHIS \dots BUT HE'S PROTECTING HER TOO MUCH FOR THAT TO BE TRUE.

















DOES THAT MEAN I'M GOING TO DIE QUICKLY, TOO?





















HOW ARE THEY?













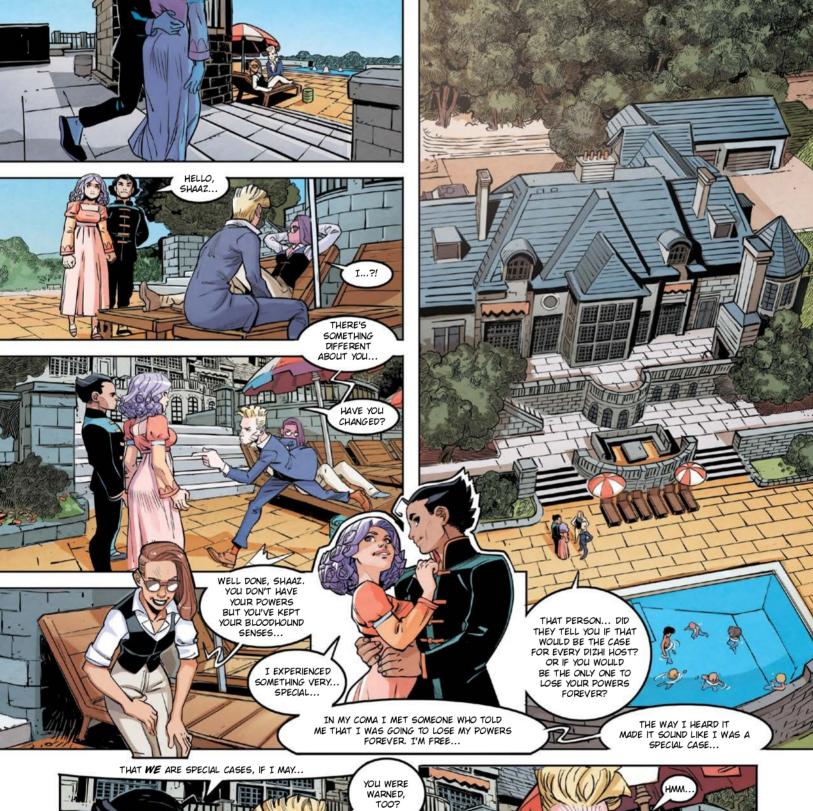






ВИТ... ВИТ.

IF YOU HAVE THE TIGER, TOO... THEN WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ANGE?









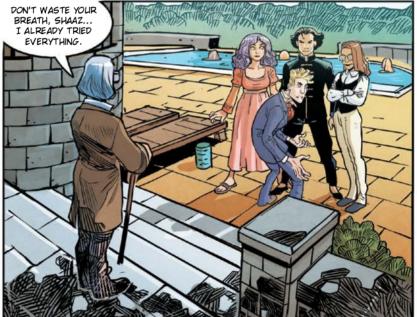














BOZULICH

TRUSTS THEM

300%.





THEY WON'T COME HERE. EVEN FOR THEM, IT'S TOO RISKY.



























FOR TOO LONG NOW, ҮЕАН.

DO YOU MIND IF I GO TAKE CARE OF A FEW PROBLEMS FIRST...?

















EVEN IF THEY HAVEN'T SEEN
THE RAT IN ACTION SINCE,
THEY'RE SO FRIGHTENED,
THEY DO EVERYTHING
I ASK THEM TO.

YEAH, IT'S ALREADY BEEN A YEAR AND A HALF
SINCE THE RAT TOTEM SAVED MY LIFE IN THAT
HOTEL ROOM. AND IT HASN'T COME BACK SINCE.

I CAN FORGET ABOUT THAT, BUT I STILL HAVE MY ARM AND THE KLAW COSTUME! IT'S A PERFECT SMOKESCREEN.



IT'S BEEN 7 MONTHS SINCE I LEFT THEM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT THINKING THEY WERE SAFE... BUT IF THE HUNTERS FOUND ME, THERE'S A CHANCE THEY'LL BE FOUND, TOO.





FIRST, I NEED YOU TO VISIT

GAMBINO. I NEED MONEY.

























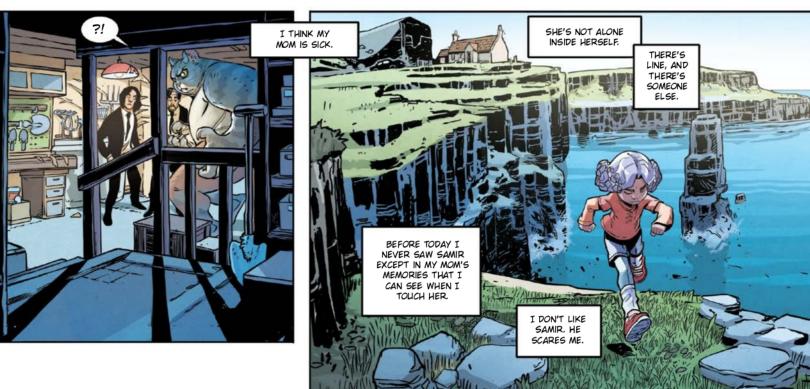


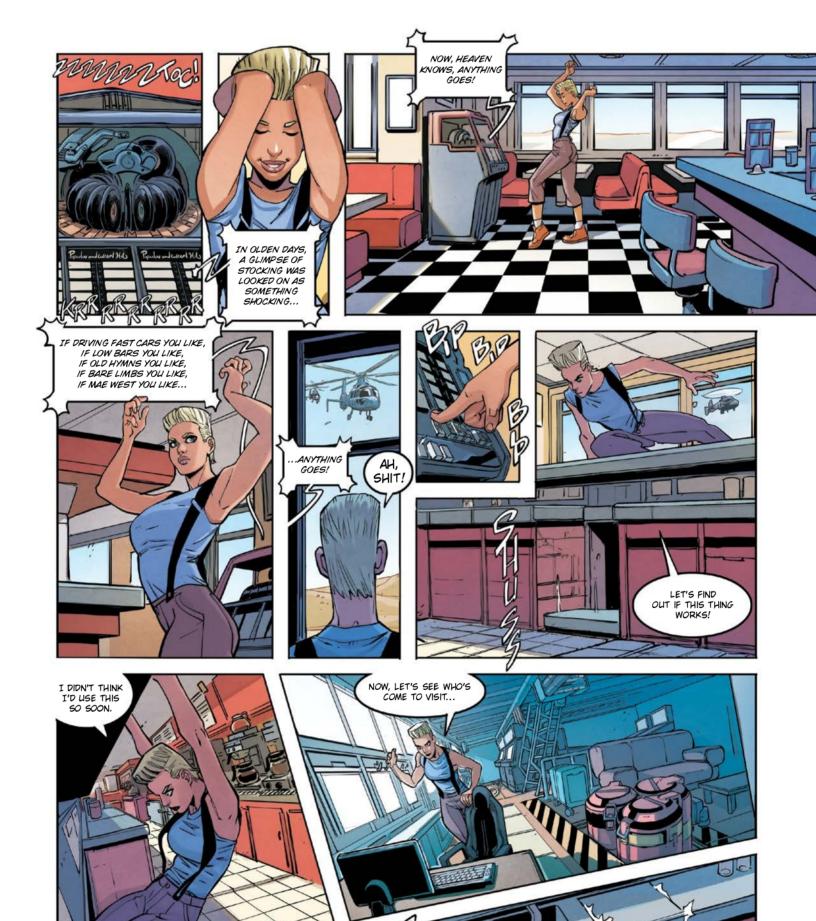










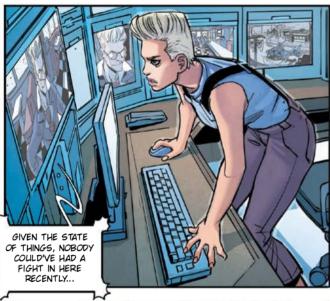


















































NEITHER OF US CAN GIVE HIM WHAT HE NEEDS.



HE'S DIFFERENT. HE DOESN'T NEED AFFECTION.



WE'RE THERE, WE'RE STILL CONNECTED TO HIM.

















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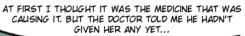


I JUST GOT OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND I WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOME NEWS ABOUT EWA...







































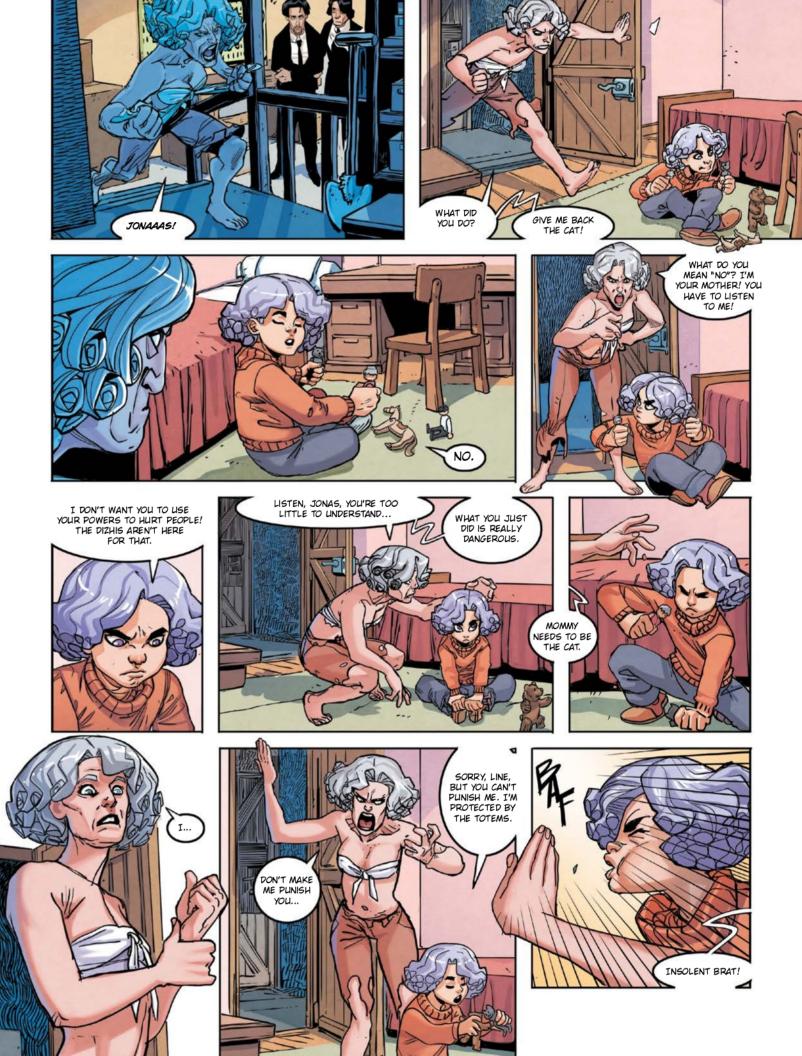














I'M SURE THEY DIDN'T STAY IN THE BUILDING
AFTER IT WAS DESTROYED IN OUR LAST FIGHT HERE...
BUT IF THERE'S SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT HAVING A
PARANOID FAMILY: THEY TAKE PRECAUTIONS!









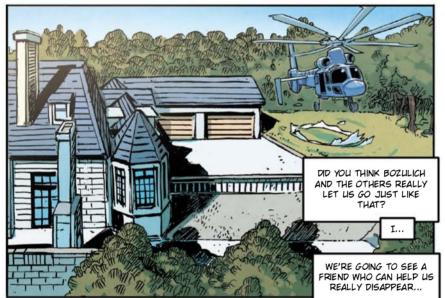








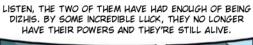






































OR THAT THE GIRL I'M SUPPOSED TO PROTECT DISAPPEARED WITH A GUY WHO STOLE THE TIGER TOTEM FROM ME...

AMELIA'S USING MY FAMILY'S MONEY AND POWER.

APPARENTLY SHE'S TAKING A LITTLE TOO MUCH OF A
LIKING TO IT... BUT I'M LETTING HER.



LISA AND THEO HAVE DISAPPEARED. THEIR KID IS APPARENTLY SOME SORT OF MEGA-DIZHI. NOBODY KNOWS WHERE HE IS OR WHAT HE'S CAPABLE OF.





IT SUCKS HERE. THE GOVERNMENT'S TAKEN
TOO MUCH OF AN INTEREST IN U.S. BUT THAT'S
NOT THE WORST PART. NO, ON TOP OF ALL THAT,
THERE'S A THREAT THAT UNDOUBTEDLY STEMS
FROM SAMIR...





















ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M PRETTY SURE YOU DON'T SHARE SAMIR'S IDEAS, EVEN THOUGH YOU LOVE LINE,.















WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT FRANK?













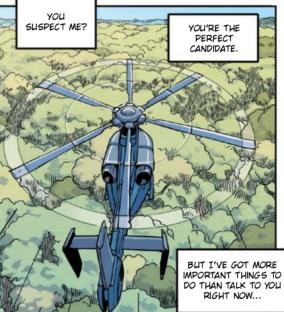
COVERING MY BASES.



HE CAN GET
HIMSELF OUT OF THIS
MESS. EITHER HE GETS
CAPTURED BY SAMIR'S
NINJAS OR HE GETS
RID OF THEM
FOR US.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

SHAAZ SEVERELY
UNDERESTIMATED HOW
DANGEROUS THE NINJAS
ARE, BUT THAT DOESN'T
EXPLAIN HOW THEY
MANAGED TO FIND US.
I'M BETTING ON AN
INSIDE MAN IN THE
COMPOUND...





















COURSE NOT, COWBOY.

















THEN, THANK YOU, JONAS.







BOSS, THE MISSION IS A FAILURE. THEY MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE CENTER BEFORE

WE COULD INTERVENE...



BUT WE SCARED THEM...









